

South Dakota

CATTLE ON FEED

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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY DOWN FROM JULY

SIOUX FALLS, August 15, 2003 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 148,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on August 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. This is down 12,000 head from a year earlier and down 19,000 head from a month earlier.

Placements during July totaled 21,000 head, up 3,000 head from last year but down 6,000 head from June 2003.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 38,000 head, up 8,000 head from last year but down 17,000 head from June 2003.

Other disappearance during July totaled 2,000 head, down 1,000 head from both a year earlier and from June 2003.

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